## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

## **52 REASONS TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE**

1. Physical activity leads to better health

5. An active lifestyle reduces the risk for many types of cancer

16. Regular physical activity can help us look better in and

THE MAINTENANCE OF HEALTHY BLO PRESSURE AND CHOLESTEROL

36. OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

**RECONNECTS US WITH** 

10. Exercise helps improve our posture

out of our clothes

11. Those who are obese but fit, are 2 X LESS LIKELY TO DIE of

cardiovascular disease than those who are thin but inactive

6. Physical

promotes

circulation

activity

healthy

18. HELPS IMPROVE MUSCLE TONE

24. Can assist

with weight

loss and

17. ACTIVE KIDS GET

25.

**Exercise helps** MANAGE ANXIETY

> 33. If you increase your lean muscle mass, you'll increase your resting metabolism which means burning more

43. WEIGHT TRAINING CAN INCREASE GLUCOSE UTILIZATION AND REDUCE THE REGULAR RISK OF DEVELOPING DIABETES

21. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY **BURNS** 

CALORIES

NATURE

40. Regular

can improve

performance

physical activity

overall athletic

23. Be an active role model

41.

You'll have more

**ENERGY** 

for everyday

activities

47. IT'S A

weight maintenance 30. WEIGHT BEARING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HELPS REDUCE THE RISK OF OSTEOPOROSIS 32. BE ACTIVE AND 31. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CAN ASSIST

22. EXERCISE CAN HELP TO

MANAGE AND PREVENT PAIN

FEEL BETTER HYSICALLY AND MENTALLY

37. Regular physical activity can enhance your sex life

42. An active lifestyle is a privilege, not a punishment. Exercise is a great way to thank your body for all it does

48. WALKING IS UNDER-VALUED BUT IT'S LIKELY THE BEST THING MOST CANADIANS CAN DO TO IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH

ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS FOSTERS A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

**GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SOME** "ME" TIME!

Being active = more FUN!

7. Physical activity makes us happier 🐸

helps keep us young in body, mind and spirit

13. Better sleep

19. WEIGHT TRAINING BUILDS STRONGER MUSCLES AND CONNECTIVE TISSUES WHILE INCREASING JOINT STABILITY

26. Regular exercise promotes better balance

3. An active lifestyle

new friends

g. The more We

the benefits

14. An active lifestyle

reduces the risk of

premature death

(now, that sounds good!)

20. BEING ACTIVE CAN HELP US RETAIN FLEXIBILITY AND IMPROVE RANGE OF MOTION

do it, the greater

helps us make

4. Reduces

the risk of heart disease

9. Increased

15. Physical activity

RELIEVES

STRESS

27. EXERCISE IMPROVES

**CONNECTIVE TISSUES** 

28. HELPS MAINTAIN HEALTHY

29. CAN BE AS EFFECTIVE IN

THE TREATMENT OF MILD TO

MODERATE DEPRESSION AS

34. Active transportation

(i.e. walking and cycling)

save you money \$\$\$

39. Active transportation is a

great way to get to kno your community

is good for the environment

35. Active transportation can

IS OFTEN FASTER THAN

DRIVING OR PUBLIC

COORDINATION

MEDICATION

confidence!

calories, even at rest

EXERCISE CAN ENHANCE

**TRANSPORTATION** SELF-ESTEEM

49. PARTICIPATION IN GROUP

52. IT'S PERSONAL! THERE'S NO RIGHT OR WRONG WAY TO BE ACTIVE...

DO WHAT YOU ENJOY!

SOME NEW INTERESTS

50. DISCOVER 51. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO GET STARTED – TODAY COULD BE YOUR DAY!

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